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Carpenters offer volunteer service for historic trolley station



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Garfield Park in Indianapolis is home to the last standing wood trolley station in the state of Indiana. Constructed in the early 1900s, the century-old trolley station was in need of structural improvements, and Local 301 Member Action Committee (MAC) members of the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters (IKORCC) eagerly agreed to help.

This project was an all-hands-on-deck collaboration funded by a Historic Preservation Fund 50/50 match grant. However, the grant did not cover all expenses, and volunteers were needed.

Steve Hoyt, Rick Russell Brian Duncan and Marco Martinez from Local 301 MAC, .300 Hitters Chad Capps and Chris Vantrees and four apprentices

volunteered for five days, totaling 80 work hours, to install wood shakes on the structure that were donated by Formation Roofing in Indy. Additionally, Indy Parks painted the historic structure and will be pouring the concrete slab.

While working on the project, Local 301 MAC also discussed the importance of the quality of wood, craftsmanship and the Carpenter's contribution to the building of the United States through history. "We take a very active role in giving back to our community, and we do all we can to help preserve the history and integrity of our city and country," commented Steve Hoyt of the IKORCC. "The IKORCC dates back to 1881, and we feel it's our duty - even as we make huge strides in technology and our carpentry capabilities - to direct special attention to the structures that continue to teach and remind us of our nation's history."

Partners in the rehab project included the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology, Indianapolis Parks Foundation, Indy Parks, Friends of Garfield Park, Indiana Landmarks, Efroymsen Family Fund, Owings Foundation and Indiana Trails Fund.

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